

and functions assigned to them under the Act, Training of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) battalions has also commenced. The State Governments have been advised to take necessary action for implementation of the Act at the State level.

(b) As per available information, the details of funds released during 2005-06 and 2006-07 (till date) under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and other programmes relating to disaster management are as given below:

SI. No.	Name of the Scheme/Programme	Funds released	
		2005-06	2006-07
1.	Central share of CRF	2944.51	2606.94
2.	NCCF	3061.44	1962.06
3.	Strengthening of training capabilities in States	1.46	0.73
4.	National Programmes for capacity building of engineers and architects in earthquake risk management.	2.82	0.56
5.	Project preparation activities for the proposed National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project	1.13	—

(c) The primary responsibility of managing the disasters is that of the States and each State is expected to have arrangements for disaster management. Institutional mechanisms and other responsibilities of the State Governments have been laid down in the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and they have been advised to take necessary action for implementation of the Act. As per available information, 23 States/UTs have constituted State Disaster Management Authorities either before the enactment of the Act or thereafter.

Killing of Railway Officials/Security Personnel in Assam

1585. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether militants ambushed a team of railway engineers and security personnel in the jungles of Assam, on October 6, 2006;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed and injured;

(c) what precautionary measures Government are considering to ensure safety of railway and security personnel, and

(d) what steps Government have taken to strengthen the IB Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Railway officials and a representative of railway contractor escorted by Railway Police Security Force (RPSF) personnel were ambushed by militants on 6th October, 2006 on a place called Mitta Disa Basti on Lumding-Langting Road under Maibong Police Station, N.C. Hills district. The ambush and subsequent heavy fire from automatic weapons resulted in the death of 11 persons and serious injuries to 3 persons.

(c) On assessment of the ground situation and in consultation with the Railways, it was decided by the State Government to adopt a two pronged strategy consisting of static duty at the work sites and area domination all along the project. Five companies of the security forces have been deployed at the work sites. They are domination by the security forces is also on.

(d) The Central Govt, has advised the Govt, of Assam to strengthen the security and intelligence in the area for safety and security of the railway employees.

Modernisation of Police Force in Bihar

†1586. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar Government has sent any proposal to the Central Government for modernization of the State police force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the efforts being made by the Central Government to equip State police force with the modern weapons and modern communication equipments, to enable it to deal with the Naxalite/Maoist and extremists violence; and

(d) whether Government are paying special attention towards those States, where law enforcing machinery is not able to deal with those elements?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.